

## House Resolution 1755

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26<sup>th</sup>, Collins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Mills of the 25<sup>th</sup>, and Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Roy H. Turner, Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Mr. Roy H. Turner, Sr., on January 24, 2010; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Turner was raised in Lula, Georgia, attended North Georgia College, and  
5 graduated from the University of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with 82nd Airborne  
7 division of the United States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting democracy and  
8 his fellow Americans during World War II with campaigns in North Africa, Italy, France,  
9 Germany, and England; and

10 WHEREAS, during his service in the military, Mr. Turner was stationed in Ireland for a year,  
11 was a member of the D-Day invasion force, was a Purple Heart recipient, served in the  
12 Korean War, and was promoted to captain, serving in the reserves until he retired; and

13 WHEREAS, he started the Roy Turner Insurance Company which evolved into the Turner,  
14 Wood and Smith Insurance Center and was active in the Kiwanis Club, on the Gainesville  
15 City Board of Education, and on the Hall County Hospital Authority; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Turner was united in love and marriage for 60 wonderful years to the late  
17 Caroline Flanders Turner and was blessed with his wonderful children, Lynn and Bob  
18 Johnson, Kim Turner and Kathy Varadi, Hank and Gina Turner, Joe and Dottie Turner, and  
19 Roy H. Turner, Jr.; and

20 WHEREAS, he was the proud grandfather of Mary Lynn Johnson, Taylor and Jason English,  
21 Paul Turner, Thomas Turner, Trey Turner, Tyler Turner, Alden Turner, Brooks Turner, and  
22 Sally Turner and a loving great-grandfather to Max Smith; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Turner will be sorely missed by Mr. Phil Davis, who was a close friend of  
24 the Turner children and became as close as family, and his wife, Kim, and their boys, P.J.  
25 and Caston; and

26 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Turner raised his family in Gainesville  
27 First Baptist Church where he taught Sunday school for many years, joined the congregation  
28 of Gainesville First United Methodist Church after his children were grown, and later  
29 returned to Gainesville First Baptist Church; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Turner will long be remembered for  
31 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal father, grandfather, and friend will be missed  
32 by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Roy H. Turner, Sr.,  
35 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Roy H.  
38 Turner, Sr.